

Testimony Concerning Bills 457, 738 and 874 before the Legislature of the State of Connecticut

Testimony Submitted by

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Dear Madame or Sir,

I am in favor of smaller school districts joining together or partnering with larger school districts. This type of consolidation has occurred in our state in the past and should continue. However, I am opposed to any mandate imposed by the state that would force such consolidation. Traditionally, the towns and cities in Connecticut have reserved for themselves certain powers, which the state cannot usurp. Running the local school system is one of those powers. Any state mandated consolidation would likely be challenged by the affected municipalities and those municipalities would likely win in court.

Sincerely,

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